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SUBJECT: INQUIRIES FROM MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION

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1. SCIATT UNABLE YET TO MAKE CONTACT WITH APPROPRAITE OFFICIAL
RE REFTEL BUT WILL DO SO AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. IN QUITE ANOTHER CONTEXT, SCIATT MET WITH DR. MANOOCHHEHR
ZIRAKZADEH, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR RESEARCH IN SAME MINISTRY, DURING
WHICH MEETING THE LATTER EXPRESSED THE MINISTRY'S DESIRE TO HAVE
THE SERVICES OF A HIGHLY QUALIFIED ADVISOR WHO COULD ASSIST THEM
IN (A) FORMULATION OF SCIENCE POLICY AND (B) DEVELOPMENT OF A PRO-
GRAM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SUITED TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS
OF IRAN. DR. DIRAKZADEH WOULD PREFER A MEDICAL SCIENTIST AND
SPEICIFICALLY MENTIONED DR. ALBERT B. SABIN, WHO RECENTLY SERVED
IN SOME SUCH CAPACITY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL. HIS
IDEA WAS THAT DR. SABIN OR ANOTHER SCIENTIST OF SIMILAR STATURE
MIGHT COME TO IRAN FOR A PERIODOF FROM THREE MONTHS TO A YEAR AT
THE EXPENSE OF THE GOI. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE MINISTRY NOW
DOES APPEAR TO HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND GIVEN PROPER
BACKING, A SCIENTIST OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
SET A USEFUL PROGRAM IN MOTION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SCI IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT DR. SABIN
CONCERNING HIS INTEREST IN SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT. IF DR. SABIN
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